Career Outlook: Criminal Justice

Criminal Justice Programs Available at Bemidji State University:

Major: Criminal Justice (B.S.)
Minor: Criminal Justice

Fields of Emphasis: Corrections, Tribal Justice, Victimology, Law Enforcement

Department Website: http://www.bemidjistate.edu/academics/departments/criminal_justice

EMPLOYMENT AREAS AND PROJECTED DEMAND:
Criminal Justice majors can work in a variety of settings including corrections, probation, customs, and police or sheriff’s departments. The “Occupational Outlook Handbook” (OOH) reports that police and detectives held about 808,700 jobs in 2018. Probation officers and correctional treatment specialists held about 91,600 jobs in 2018. Most jobs, close to 97%, are found through state or local governments. OOH reports that the nationwide demand for police officers is expected to grow 5% (as fast as average) through 2028, with people established in their career generally earning between $36,550 and $106,090 per year. The median pay for 2018 was $63,380. Employment of probation officers is expected to grow 3% (slower than average) through 2028, with people established in their career generally earning between $34,630 and $94,770 per year. The median pay for 2018 was $53,020 per year.

PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRADUATES:
There are many career opportunities for Bemidji State University Criminal Justice graduates. Of the 67 Bemidji State University 2017-2018 Criminal Justice (B.S.) graduates, 80% reported obtaining related employment within one year of graduation and 17.9% of graduates continued their education. This does not include students who were not seeking employment, unavailable, or had unknown status.

PARTIAL LIST OF EMPLOYERS WHO HAVE REPORTED HIRING BSU CRIMINAL JUSTICE GRADUATES*: (This list only includes employment within one year of graduation.)

Arrowhead Regional Corrections
Bureau of Prisons
City of Bemidji
City of Virginia
Duluth Police Department
Itasca County
Messerli & Kramer, P.A.
MN Department of Corrections
Northwestern MN Juvenile Ctr. (x3)
Pierre Police Department
Red Lake Tribal Courts
Rice County Sheriff’s Office
St. Paul Parks and Recreation
Target
United States Air Force
Village Ranch
Violence Intervention Project
Probation Officer
Education Technician
Law Enforcement Officer
Police Officer
Parking Service Agent
Legal Support Specialist
Legal Assistant
Corrections Officer
Corrections Worker
Police Officer
Probation Officer
Deputy Sheriff
Park Security Officer
Asset Protection Specialist
Security Forces
Residential Counselor
Domestic and Sexual Violence Advocate
Duluth, MN
Duluth, MN
Bemidji, MN
Virginia, MN
Duluth, MN
Grand Rapids, MN
Plymouth, MN
Moose Lake, MN
Bemidji, MN
Pierre, SD
Red Lake, MN
Faribault, MN
St. Paul, MN
Minneapolis, MN
Great Falls, MT
Annandale, MN
Thief River Falls, MN

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHERE BSU CJ MAJORS HAVE GONE TO CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION:

• Alexandria Technical Community College, Alexandria, MN
• Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN
• Hibbing Community College, Hibbing, MN
• Northeastern University, Boston, MA
• Northland Community and Technical College, Thief River Falls, MN
• St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN
• Vermilion Community College, Ely, MN
• William James College, Newton, MA

*Degrees alone do not get students jobs. Internships, summer jobs, volunteer work, part-time jobs, work-study positions, and active participation in student organizations on campus are all ways to become more competitive in a tight job market.

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